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Of Cambodia's population of 14 million, there are estimated to be up to 210,000 living with HIV/AIDS. This includes an unknown number of children under 18 years of age living with HIV/AIDS, not to mention the countless thousands who have been orphaned because of the pandemic.

Hope for Cambodian Children (HfCC) is an organisation that aims to give a future to children whose lives have been affected by the HIV/AIDS pandemic, and seeks to provide support, healthcare and education to children and families. Many of the non-government agencies operating in Cambodia test children for HIV as part of the admission criteria. If the children are found to be positive, they are not accepted into the centre. HfCC orphanage positively discriminates in favour of children and families affected by the HIV virus.

Our aim is to provide a holistic system of care to affected areas of the community, with services providing care for the poorest children in the community. In this way, HfCC operates HIV-prevention programs and supports those most at risk of contracting HIV.

HfCC has built a centre in Battambang Cambodia to care for up to 120 children affected by HIV/AIDS as well as to operate the many projects and programs.

At the HfCC centre we provide and care for children abandoned by their families and community because they have or are suspected of having HIV/AIDS. Most of the 100 or more children are orphans, many of them have AIDS. We have a policy of keeping families together, so often when the parents die of AIDS, they leave behind 4 or more children, and usually just the youngest child is infected. .

Many of the children have been living on the streets or on the fringes of villages and as a consequence have not been attending school. At HfCC centre the children are provided catchup programs so they can return to school. These programs including after-school classes are also available to the poorest families in the province.

HfCC runs a range of programs, designed to meet the varying needs of a society affected by HIV/AIDS.



# Projects

## Education

Due to poor school management, insufficient teachers and resources, proximity and poverty there is poor attendance at schools in Cambodia. HfCC provides education programs for street kids to be able to re-enter school. HfCC back-up this program with after-school programs and by working to improve access to quality education by working with teachers, school administrators and committees to provide teaching materials and remedial classes.

## Library

HfCC has developed the largest library and resource centre in the Battambang province. The resource centre includes a language laboratory, computer laboratories, musical instruments, sporting equipment, art supplies and a large collection of Khmer and English books. This resource is shared with other agencies including the Teacher across Borders' adult literacy program.

## Health

With close to 40% of the population being children below the age of 15, 45% of whom are under five and underweight, health is a serious issue in Cambodia. Poor child health is often a result of parents' limited knowledge on hygiene practices, lack of sanitation facilities, and insufficient health care services. HfCC works to improve health centre facilities and services, providing support to adults to deal with common childhood illnesses like malaria, dengue fever, diarrhoea and training on sexual and reproductive health for women and adolescents.

## AIDS

HIV/AIDS pushes people deeper into poverty. Households lose their breadwinners, livelihoods are compromised and savings are consumed by the cost of healthcare and funerals. HIV/AIDS affects the most productive group of people: those between 15 and 49 years old. HfCC provides health checks in remote villages, particularly to pregnant women and thus prevent transfer of HIV to the unborn child.

## Water and sanitation

Closely linked with the health program, HfCC water and sanitation program is to improve the health and wellbeing of children and the whole community by increasing access to safe drinking water, promoting a clean and sanitary environment (both at home and in school) and improving the understanding of the links between clean and sanitary environment and personal hygiene.







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## Donate

Sponsor a child or purchase gifts such as HIV medicines for a child from our website. You can sponsor child for either their general care or for their education and health programs.



## Fundraising

Ask for a donation box for your office or shop.  
Host a dinner or lunch with friends.



## Companies

Fund a project and participate in its implementation, there are a wide range of projects such as installing water filters in remote communities and many other projects you and your company can become personally involved with. Ask about our executive program by emailing to [info@hopeforcambodianchildren.org](mailto:info@hopeforcambodianchildren.org).

## Schools

**Shades 4 AIDS** day is a new initiative to educate and involve Australian children in the problems faced by so many children in developing countries. See the Shades 4 AIDS website for registration and lesson packs and DVDs for your school program.

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## Volunteers

Become a youth ambassador and join many other young people that give their time and energy at our centre in Cambodia. Send email to [volunteers@hopeforcambodianchildren.org](mailto:volunteers@hopeforcambodianchildren.org)



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